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*In cooperation with New Jersey Department of Education*

TO: New Jersey Teachers of Agriculture/Agriscience and FFA Chapter Officers

FROM: Nancy J. Trivette, NJ FFA State Advisor, Sharon Kinsey, State FFA Specialist and State FFA Executive Board

RE: Leadership Training Retreat for FFA Chapter Officers, **Friday, October 4, 2002**, starting at 12:00 p.m., until **Saturday, October 5, 2002**, ending by 7:00 p.m. at YMCA Conference Center at Camp Bernie, Port Murray, NJ (map attached).

DATE: September 1, 2002

**"NEW JERSEY FFA – Believe. Lead. Succeed"**

Make an impact on the future. Demonstrate your leadership. Be a part of the New Jersey FFA Team at the annual Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference. The State Officer Team has prepared a Chapter Officer Leadership Training Retreat entitled **"Celebrate FFA"** to provide your chapter officers with information and the skills necessary to make the FFA a vital part of your agriculture/agriscience program. FFA chapter officers and their adult FFA advisors should attend. The program will help your officers become an effective chapter officer team. They will have the opportunity to meet chapter officers throughout the state and build a working relationship with the state officer team. This opportunity will also enable your team to get the latest information about many of the year's activities. It will be a leadership development activity your students will need for their future.

A pre-registration form is required before Friday, September 20, 2002. **ATTENTION: You must use the online registration form provided. No other form of registration will be accepted. Please email your completed form to [ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us](mailto:ag.ed.registration@ag.state.nj.us). PLEASE forward a check (payment to: TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY) or purchase order IMMEDIATELY! No refunds can be made since we use your preregistration to guarantee numbers to the camp. The camp, in turn, uses these preregistered numbers to order food and plan meals. Your cooperation on preregistration is appreciated.** Advisor workshops and meetings are scheduled throughout the weekend. *(Remember, your payment is non-refundable since your registration is what we use to guarantee our numbers to Camp Bernie. NOTE: The only exception, according to New Jersey's FFA Conference Refund Policy, is a doctor's note or proof of death in the immediate family along with a cover letter explaining the circumstance. This must be sent to the state executive board within one month of the event.)*

The cost of the retreat will be **\$102.00 per person**. Please be prepared to pay by check in advance. This cost includes one night's lodging, four meals, one snack and a 2002 state theme tee shirt. Lunch is on your own on Friday.

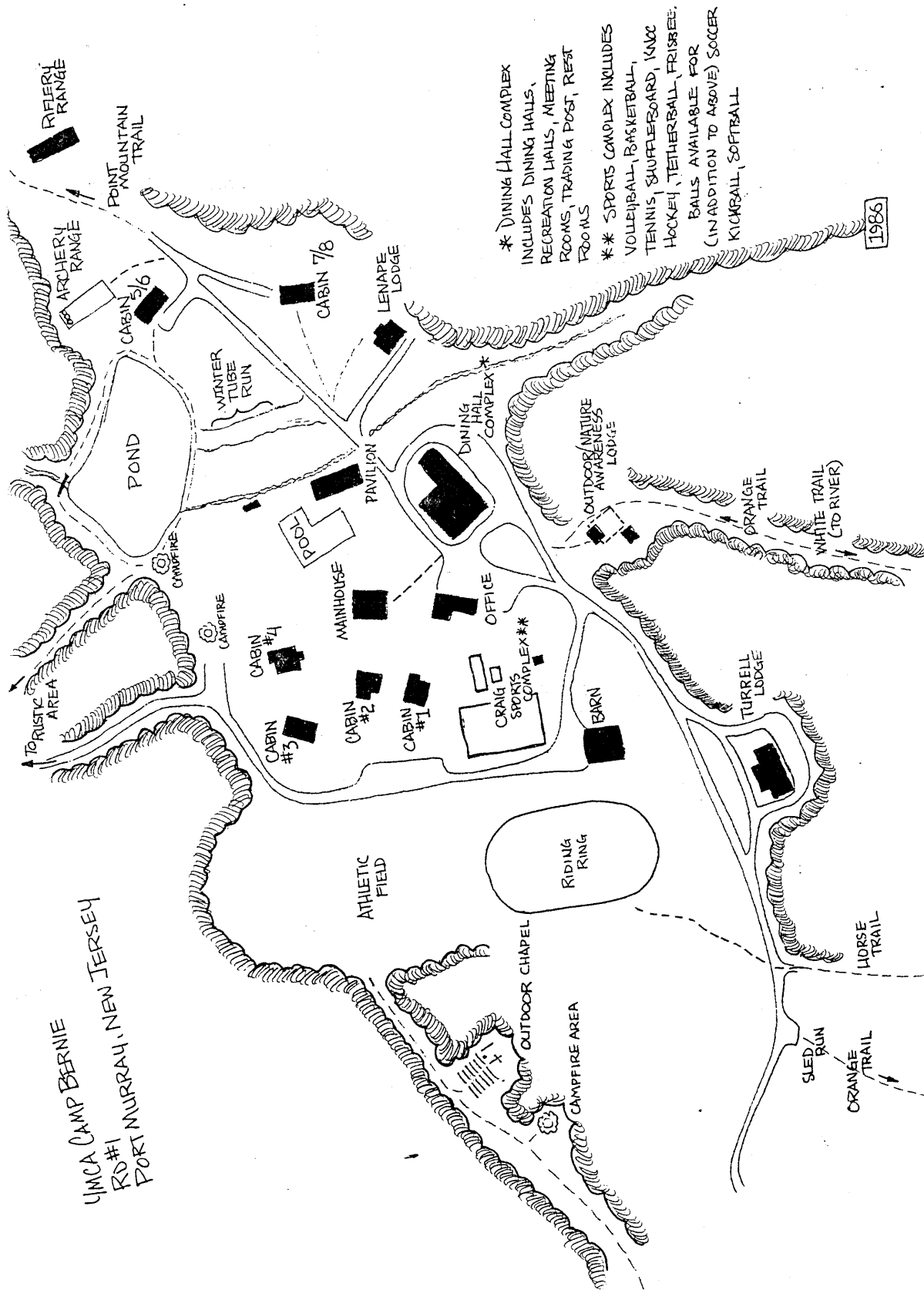
***Important Facts:***

1. Registration is 12:00- 2:00 p.m. at the Turrell Lodge.
2. Chapter officers will have the opportunity to participate in opening ceremonies.

3. Activities are designed for active participation. Every officer will become involved.
4. The conference is planned and conducted by the 2002-03 State Officer Team.
5. Chapter officers will be expected to work, but time is provided for recreation and fun activities.
6. Individual awards will be given to recognize leadership skills evident during the weekend. Chapter officers will be recognized at the banquet for their achievements. Awards to be presented are as follows:
  - Best Chapter Officer Team
  - Leadership Award
  - Best First Year Officer (1st year as a Chapter Officer)
  - Opening Ceremonies – Awarded individually
  - Best Welcome
  - Best Pitch
7. Officers may sign up at registration or during the first session for pitches, welcomes and other activities. (**See Robert Gioia, Jr., State Reporter**)
8. Lodging will be in heated cabins. Meals are prepared by the camp cook and are of excellent quality.
9. The training program will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and end by 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Official dress is required during the first session and at the banquet. When not in official dress, appropriate attire is required, which may include the official FFA jacket. Students will participate in an outdoor confidence course on Saturday - jeans and sneakers are appropriate for this activity.
10. This is a retreat. **Members and advisors** must come and stay the entire time.
11. Every officer and advisor must bring:
  - Towels & soap
  - Sleeping bag or sheets, blankets and a pillow
  - FFA Manual (recent)
  - Pencils & paper/notebook
  - Equipment & appropriate clothing for recreation
  - Official FFA Dress (see FFA manual)
  - Flashlight
  - Other personal items (which should include warm clothes)
12. **Friday night activities include a Halloween dance. Members are encouraged to bring a costume. Prizes will be awarded by the state officer team.**
13. **Cabins are to be left as they are found. All trash should be in the garbage cans. It is the responsibility of chapters assigned to each cabin to leave it free of trash.**
14. **Teachers are responsible for their students at all times. No student should be in cabins during the day.**

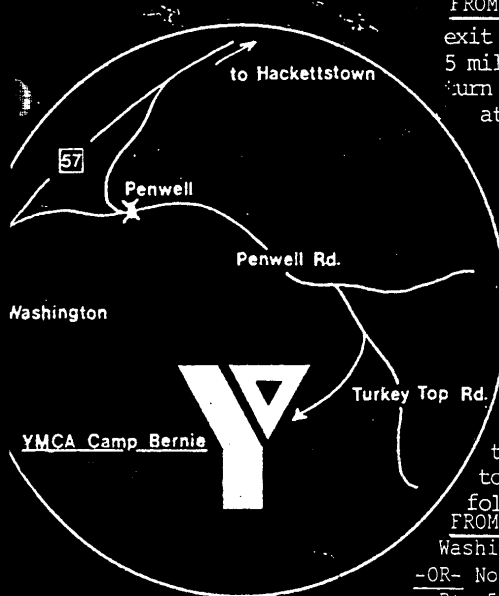
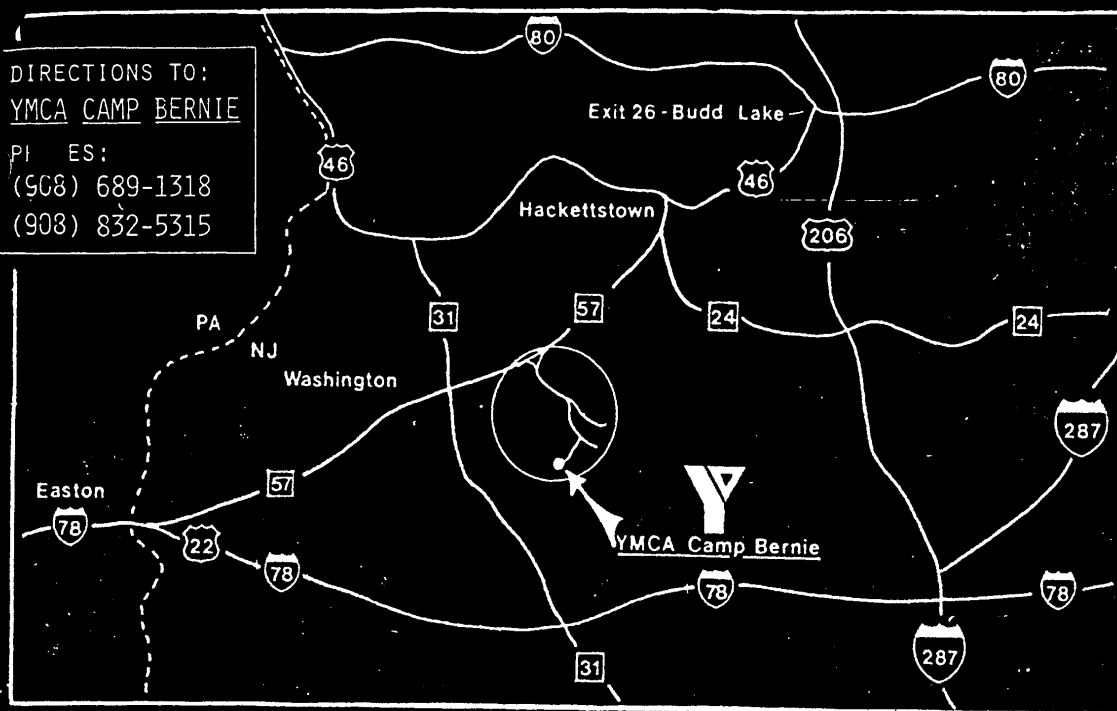
**We appreciate your cooperation.**

There will also be a **Made For Excellence Conference (for freshman and sophomore members)** and an **Advanced Leadership Conference (for junior and senior members)** in March. These conferences are conducted by the National FFA and will be geared toward personal development for the rest of your chapter membership.



**DIRECTIONS TO:  
YMCA CAMP BERNIE**

PHONES:  
(508) 689-1318  
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**FROM BERGEN COUNTY AND NEW YORK CITY AREA:** West on I-80 to exit 26 (Hackettstown/Budd Lake). West on Route 46; proceed 5 miles, then after coming down a steep hill, make a left turn at the first traffic light onto East Avenue. Turn left at the next light and proceed past McDonald's and Friendly's (on the right), and come to traffic light. Turn right at the light onto Route 57 (sign to Washington). Check odometer and travel six miles west. Watch carefully for small highway sign which reads "Penwell" on the right side of the road. At this sign make a quick left (you are 1½ miles from camp). Follow signs to camp.

**FROM UNION COUNTY AREA:** West on Rt. 78. North on Rt. 31 to Washington. Then, follow directions below from Washington.

**FROM SHORE POINTS:** If south of Perth Amboy take the Garden State Parkway North to Rt. 287. Take 287 North to Interstate 78. Rt. 78 west to Clinton. Take Rt. 31 to center of Washington (this is at a light.) Then follow directions below from Washington.

**FROM PHILADELPHIA:** North on I-95. North on Rt. 31 to Washington. Then, follow directions below from Washington.

**-OR-** North on NE Ext of Pa. Turnpike. East on Rt. 22. East on Rt. 57 through Washington. Then, follow directions below from Washington.

**FROM EASTON, PA.:** Follow Rt. 22 after bridge. East on Rt. 57 to Washington. Then, follow directions below from Washington.

**FROM WASHINGTON, N.J.:** East on Rt. 57 for about 3 miles. You will come to a traffic light. Continue 300 yards. Bear right past Camp Bernie sign. Follow signs to Camp Bernie.

**YMCA CAMP BERNIE**